

The First Baptist Church at Worship  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent | March 22, 2020

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THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land

My Shepherd Will Supply All My Needs ..... Early American Hymn Tune

In Praise to the Lord

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

HYMN

#48 (vs. 1&2) *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
FAITHFULNESS

Thomas Chisholm, the author of "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and 1,200 other poems was born in a log cabin in Kentucky in 1866, and he lived a pretty unremarkable life: he worked as a school teacher, a newspaper editor, an insurance agent, then he retired and spent his remaining days at the Methodist Home for the Aged in New Jersey. Unlike many hymns that have heart-wrenching stories behind them (for instance "It Is Well With My Soul"), "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" is inspired by the simple realization that God is at work in our lives on a daily basis. He wrote, "My income has not been large at any time due to impaired health in the earlier years which has followed me on until now. Although I must not fail to record here the unflinching faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God and that He has given me many wonderful displays of His providing care, for which I am filled with astonishing gratefulness." The hymn reminds us that God doesn't only work in dramatic or miraculous ways, but also in simple, everyday ways. It also reminds us that Jesus has never failed us in the past, so we have no reason to doubt his faithfulness in the future.

Listening for the Word of God

GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to John.

**People: Praise be to you, O Christ.**

**John 9:1-7:** As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Alspaugh

CALL TO PRAYER

#399 (v.1) *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*  
O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.  
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.  
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.**

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (*Debts & Debtors*)

Rev. David Coggins

SPECIAL MUSIC

William Henry Caldwell

I Know Who Holds Tomorrow ..... Ira F. Stanphill

*I don't know about tomorrow, I just live from day to day; I don't borrow from its sunshine, for its skies may turn to gray. I don't worry o'er the future, for I know what Jesus said; And today I'll walk beside Him, for He knows what is ahead. Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand; but I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand. I don't know about tomorrow, it may bring me poverty; but the One who feeds the sparrow, is the One who stands by me. And the path that is my portion, may be through the flame or flood: But His presence goes before me, and I covered with His blood.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*"Seeing with New Eyes"*

Responding to God

HYMN OF RESPONSE

#48 (v. 3) *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
FAITHFULNESS

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land

The Lord's Prayer ..... Malotte



***We wish a Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Harold West!***

### **Prayer for the Armed Forces**

*Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

March ABC/USA Offering

### **AMERICA FOR CHRIST 2020**

***"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." –Mt. 22:39***

The contributions made to the America for Christ Offering minister to families who have lost homes to floods, to children living lives of limitation in poverty, to seminarians preparing to devote their lives to sharing the Good News, and many more. AFC 2020 empowers local and national efforts to "love our neighbor." Please give generously to this month's AFC Offering. You may mail in your offering check to FBC and please note "AFC Offering" on the memo line. Thank you.

## Prayers of the People

(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)

Sharon Appelt	Lavanda Ferguson	Ron Petry
Kenneth Barger	Ken Gordon	Ron Pipenger
Rebecca Bauer	Bev Harrell	Susan Reichard
Marlen Berghuis	Linda Haskin	Judy See
Jessica Blair	Barbara Jett	Judy Smith
Don Brown	Judy Kelly	Soloski Family
Jessica Brown	Lenore Kimbrough	Emily Taylor
Robert Brown	Anna Frances Lasley	Torrey Thrash
Lynn Chadbourne	Vincent Liss	Veghte Family
Tami Malone Charles	Tim Meador	Sara Vice
Andy Collier	Arthur Merkle	Peggie Worthey
Marilyn Craig	Melissa Mikesell	<b>Military Duty:</b>
Pamela Cress	Lois Miles	Sebastian Ewald
Florida Dixon	Mary Ann Paloncy	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Jim Earnest	Rose Peacock	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)



## Call to Prayer (Verse 1 only)

### O Lord, Hear My Prayer

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1. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call an - swer me.  
2. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.  
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a bass line on a bass clef staff. The first system includes two verses of lyrics. The second system includes a third verse of lyrics. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and dynamic markings.

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, O God, my Fa-ther, there is no  
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, Thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with Thee; Thou chang-est not, Thy com-  
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in  
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou for-ev-er wilt be.  
 man-i-fold wit-ness to Thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed, Thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!